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**My First Christmas**  
**I wish you all a Merry Christmas**

## SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM.

December 26.

- Recitation, "A Surprise"..... Henry Klinkenberg  
 Recitation, "Santa Does Come"..... Frank King  
 Chorus, "O Dear Little Baby"..... Ruth King  
 Recitation, "The Stars of Bethlehem"..... Ruth King  
 Recitation, "Susie's Christmas Tree"..... Esther Bitner  
 Solo, "If I Could Be a Christmas Tree"..... Frank King  
 Recitation, "Christmas Cheer"..... Esther Kessler  
 Recitation, "Living and Giving".....  
 Song, "Holy Night".....  
 Recitation, "My Christmas Day"..... Mae Seabold  
 Recitation, "Spread the Christmas Sunshine"..... Vera Klinkenberg  
 Solo, "Fly, Little Snowflakes"..... Ruth King  
 Recitation, "Tap, Tap, Tap"..... Helen Brewer  
 Recitation, "..... Edward Seabold  
 Recitation..... Martha More  
 Solo, "Snowflakes Falling"..... Esther Kessler  
 Chorus, "Lord Jesus Lies Sleeping"

## STEREOPTICON VIEWS

- 1 Christmas Bells.
- 2 The Lord is Come.
- 3 The Angels Appearing to the Shepherds.—White.
- 4 Song of the Angels.
- 5 Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
- 6 Bethlehem.
- 7 Kahn or Inn.
- 8 The Babe of Bethlehem.—Dobson.
- 9 The Nativity.—Le Rolle.
- 10 Mary, Mother of Jesus.  
(Madonna detta di Sassaferato Firenze, Gal. Uffizi.)
- 11 Vergine col Figlio detta Madonna del Murillo.—Firenze Gal. Pitti.
- 12 Mary and the Child. (Madonna di S. Sisto, Raffaello.)
- 13 Mary and the Child. (Madonna della Seggiola, Raffaello.)
- 14 Bethlehem, Church of Nativity.
- 15 Bethlehem, Interior of Church of Nativity.
- 16 Bethlehem, Altar of Church of Nativity.
- 17 Bethlehem Church, Spot of Birth of Jesus.
- 18 Jerusalem North from Jacob's Well.
- 19 Jerusalem from Olivet.
- 20 Jerusalem in its Grandeur—Day.
- 21 Jerusalem in its Grandeur—Night.
- 22 Presentation in the Temple.—Dowling.
- 23 The Wise Men Guided by the Star.
- 24 The Adoration of the Wise Men.  
(Hofman Portaels.)
- 25 The Flight Into Egypt. (Hofman.)
- 26 Repose in Egypt.—Merson.
- 27 Return to Nazareth—Dobson.
- 28 Nazareth—General View.
- 29 Nazareth, Fountain of the Virgin.
- 30 Nazareth, Women Carrying Water from the Fountain of the Virgin.
- 31 A Village Scene.
- 32 The House He Lived in.
- 33 Mount Tabor.
- 34 Mount Herman.
- 35 Beduoin.
- 36 Holy Family, Murillo.
- 37 Boys of Palestine.
- 38 An Oriental School.
- 39 Jesus' First Lesson.
- 40 The Child Christ.
- 41 "Thanks Be Unto God for His Unspeakable Gift."
- 42 A Merry Christmas.

PROGRAM THURSDAY EVENING,  
DECEMBER 30.

Cantata, "The Shepherd King"

- Reading.....Miss Anna Philley  
 Violin Solo.....Robert J. Martz  
 Piano Solo.....Miss Bertha Bitner  
 Reading.....Miss Anna Philley

## GRACE CHURCH VISITOR

### CANTATA

#### PART I.

1. Introduction (Instrumental)...
2. Quartette, "Over the Silent,  
Shadowed Plain".....  
Contralto and Chorus.
3. Tenor Solo, "But Thou Beth-  
lehem Ephratah" .....
4. Bass Solo and Full Chorus, "O  
City of the Shepherd King,"
5. Chorus (of trio) for women's  
voices, "Judean Shepherds  
Lift Your Eyes".....
6. Soprano Solo, "And Lo, the  
Angel" .....
7. Alto Recitative and full Chorus,  
"Glory to God in the High-  
est" .....
8. Tenor Recitative and full Chorus,  
"And It Came to Pass.....

#### PART II.

9. Intermezzo ..... Hight  
(Instrumental.)
10. Bass Solo and Full Chorus, "The  
People That Walk in Dark-  
ness" .....
11. Alto Solo and Chorus of Men's  
Voices, "No Room".....
12. Full Chorus, "O Captive Judah,  
Dry Thy Tears".....
13. Alto Solo, "Sleep Sweetly, Little  
Child of Mine".....
14. Full Chorus, "Hallelujah, Amen."

The slogan for the Sunday School for 1910 will be "Everybody in the Sunday School. Every member of Grace Church must line up somewhere. You can find a place in some department—Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Adult or Home Department. Make your choice. Get ready to start on the first Sunday, Jan. 2. The Sunday School is the Bible School and the Mission Field and Recruiting Station of the Church."

Here is a good motto for the church member.

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do

something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

I ought to do, God helping me, I will do.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Aid Society will be held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6, at 2:30. There will be an election of officers at this meeting and other important business will be transacted.

The week of prayer will begin with the first Sunday in the new year. We will have services during that week and have our midwinter communion services on the second Sunday in the new year. In connection with the communion services we will also have the reception of new members. The week of prayer will give every one a good opportunity to start out right for the new year by attending the prayer services.

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In response to an invitation given by the Consistory, Hon. Horace Ankeney, of Alpha, Ohio, was with us on Sabbath, Dec. 5. We had been anxious for a long time to have him with us for a Sunday and speak to our people, and at last our wish was realized. He spoke at both morning and evening services. His topic in the morning was "The Christian in Business and Politics;" in the evening he spoke on "The Laymen's Missionary Movement." He gave us two splendid addresses. At the morning service we had a very good attendance of our own people, the evening attendance, for a union service of the three Reformed churches, was very small, owing to the inclemency of the weather. Mr. Ankeney is a very earnest speaker, and our people enjoyed his addresses very much. It was a great pleasure to have him with us, not only in our services but in our home.

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Remember the annual congregational meeting New Year's evening at 7:30. It is your duty as a member of Grace Church to be at this meeting.

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29, the women will have a meeting in the lecture rooms of the church, when the penny boxes will be opened.

It is likely that with the beginning of the new year the Consistory will introduce a new system for the weekly payment of pledges for current expenses. Something new and better than we have had. The system will be explained at the annual meeting New Year's evening.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on New Year's evening at 7:30, when the annual reports of the various secretaries and treasurers will be read, and when we will have our annual election. The first of January the terms of office of the following brethren will expire: Elders Henry Kessler and F. E. More, Deacons W. A. Hobson and George Gemmer, Financial Secretary W. A. Hobson, Treasurer W. F. Close. The Consistory has made the following nominations for election: Elders, Henry Kessler, F. E. More, W. A. Hobson, R. F. Dinger. Deacons, George Gemmer, Calvin Hosler, W. G. Page, John H. Brewer. Financial Secretary, W. A. Hobson. Assistant Financial Secretary, Irving Bitner. Treasurer, W. F. Close. We hope for a large attendance at our annual meeting.

Mrs. John Bottger is at Tyrone, Pa., where she was called recently on account of the serious illness of her father.

## PRAY AND PAY.

A prayerful life delights in paying debts of love.

Paywell and Praywell are fast friends, beloved by their neighbors.

Unpaid pledges and unanswered prayers go hand in hand.

Pay as you go and pray as you pay are wholesome habits.

Abundant praying cannot atone for stingy giving.

A noble use of present blessings is an eloquent plea for more.

The power of prayer cannot be known by a miser.

A pious pocketbook and a giving heart are heaven's choice gifts.

Penurious giving insures poverty in prayer.

He prays "thy kingdom come" most effectively who gives most heartily to bring it.

Growth in grace is seldom experienced by one whose yearnings never materialize in cash.

Giving when it costs to give converts presumption into faith.

The world has little faith in one who never answers his own prayers.

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Rev. Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach and baby Allan were guests at the parsonage on Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Diefenbach and the baby remained with us for two weeks while Mr. Diefenbach held a series of meetings in the Reformed church at Leo.

The Sunday School Christmas service will be held Sabbath evening, Dec. 26. There will be a service by the children and a stereopticon sermon by the pastor. Offerings will be received at this service to meet the expense of the slides that will be used at the service.



Mr. Pressley E. Zartman, of Dayton, Ohio, a nephew of the pastor, was a guest at the parsonage on Saturday, Dec. 4. He came from Huntington for the day, where he was at the time assisting in a revival meeting.

At the recent meeting of the District

Christian Endeavor Convention the honor of District Secretary was conferred upon Irving Bitner, the president of the Grace Church C. E. Society. We are sure he will fill the office with credit to himself and his church and the District Convention.

Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, the choir assisted by a number of other young people, will render the Cantata, "The Shepherd King," by J. Lincoln Hall in the Auditorium. The Admission will be 10c.

Sunday Morning, Jan. 2nd, at our 10:30 service we expect to see every member of Grace Church present. The object is to get all our people together and start out in the new year with a purpose of doing better and greater things for the Lord. A record will be made of all the members present. Write your name on a slip of paper and place it on the collection plate.

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There is nothing so kingly as kindness;  
There is nothing so royal as truth.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The Ever-astling light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee to-night.

O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gather all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep  
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